

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director


DATE: March 29, 1995

SUBJECT: **SB 1361 - HB 757**

This bill, if enacted, will prohibit any entity that provides emergency medical treatment from employing directly or indirectly an emergency room physician. Such physicians are to work as independent contractors.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in state expenditures to the TennCare Program. If hospitals are unable to staff emergency rooms with their own employees, many will face increased costs to contract with physicians, including those hospitals providing services for managed care organizations under the TennCare Program. The amount of such increase cannot be reasonably determined but can be estimated to exceed \$100,000 in the long run.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.


James A. Davenport, Executive Director